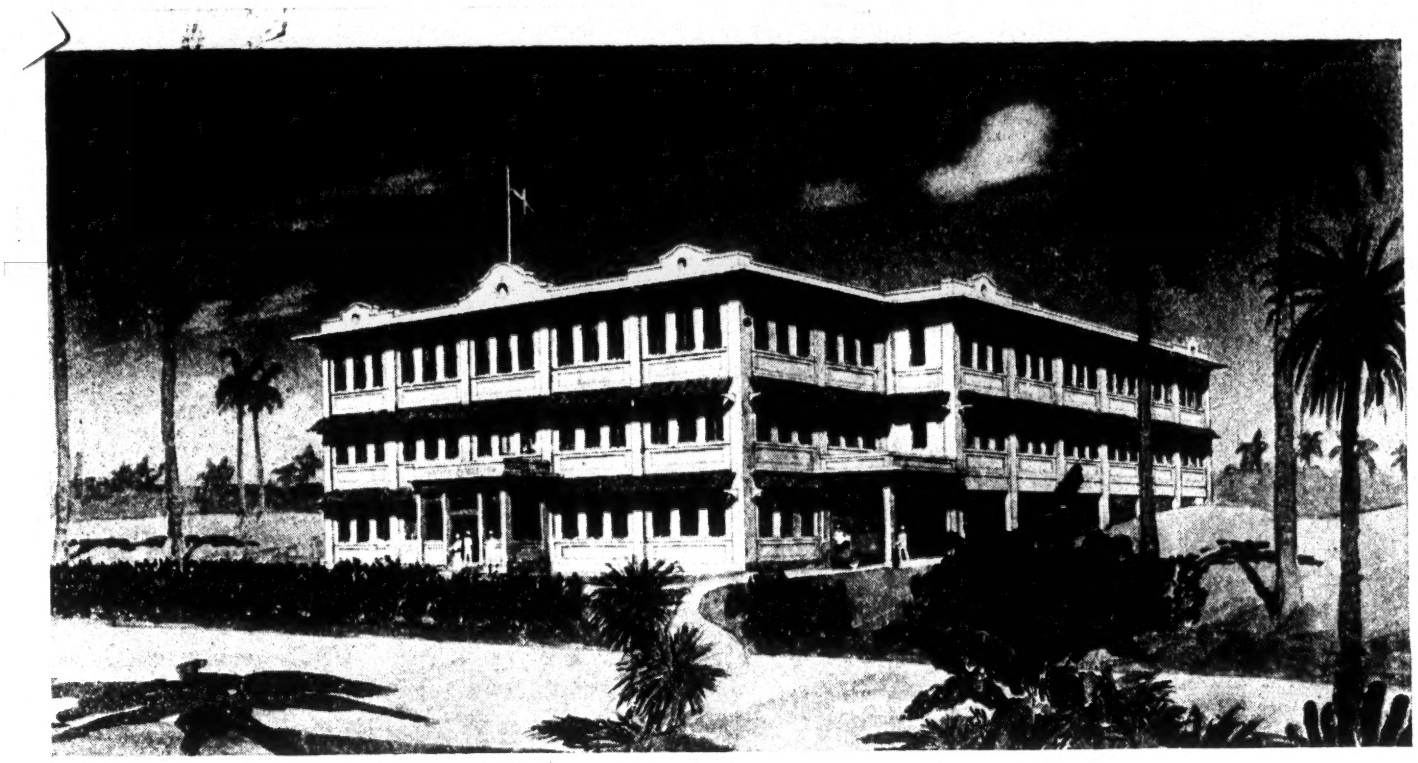

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AFTER the long engrime of his quest
Columbus here made port in a new world,
And here goodwill's knight errant of the west
His friendly silver wings a moment furled.

Only a swift salute—have we no more
To give our neighbor? Will no guest repay
The welcome of this hospitable shore
With what has blessed our broader, brighter way?

Within our opened hearts shall they not see
The New World that was born in Galilee?

AMELIA JOSEPHINE BURR.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS discovered Santo Domingo in 1492: Cortez, Pizarro and Ponce de Leon made this island a base for their expeditions to the main land: the people of the United States are rediscovering this lovely spot to which Colonel Lindbergh early in 1928 carried a message of good-will, and are making it a base for friendly service.

Health Needs

The Dominican Republic, occupying the eastern two-thirds of the island, is equal in territory to the States of Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island and has a population of about one million. There is one physician to each 8,700 persons; many villages are without trained medical

service of any sort and organized charities and philanthropic societies are practically unknown, the few attempting to function being dependent upon the uncertain financial support of a legalized lottery system." "I rode into a town of over 3,000 people," writes one visitor, "where there was neither doctor, nurse, drug store, or health service of any kind."

While the Government maintains seven hospitals in six cities, the pressing need is for public health work among all the people, those of the more remote sections as well as those of the towns, that ideals of sanitation may be taught, that simple health precautions may become familiar and that the appalling death rate among children may be ended.

IN 1920 a number of denominations entered the Dominican Republic as a unified group: health needs became at once evident but it was recognized that a general health program was largely dependent upon the forming of a native staff of trained nurses, a profession scarcely existing in the island. A small hospital was opened at once in a rented building with an American doctor and two American nurses in charge, and student nurses were sought. Now, in 1928, there have been two of these graduated, four are about to be capped and nine more are still in training. But the building being used is worse than inadequate, and if the future program is to be developed there must be a modern, well-equipped hospital of about sixty beds majoring on

nurse-training and public health work. "After almost seven years' work," writes the Superintendent, "we have reached a point where, for sanitary reasons if no others, we simply cannot go on in the rented quarters that are available. . . . We are housing our student nurses in a most uncomfortable and inefficient way. One of the vital parts of our program is the training of Dominican nurses; we cannot hope, however, to train an adequate group for Santo Domingo in the hospital as it is now equipped and housed."

DURING the past year sixty per cent of the hospital's budget has been paid in by patients in spite of poor facilities at their disposal; 665 patients were cared for in

the hospital, 5,596 new patients attended clinics and there were 5,192 revisits. A record of the residence of clinic patients, as far back as 1924, indicates that in six months sixty-three towns, villages and cities were represented, some as far away as sixty miles to the west, seventy miles to the east and seventy-five miles to the north. The mode of travel is on donkey-back, a-foot, in ox-carts and in Fords.

Because it knows the need to be great, the avoidable sickness and suffering to be overwhelming, the Board makes its appeal for immediate aid toward the needed amount.

$100,000 is needed at once to complete this Hospital

"He gives twice who gives quickly."

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The Board of Christian Work in Santo Domingo is glad to report a most encouraging beginning of their program of service for that island. The Home Boards, General and Women's, of the Methodists Episcopal and the Presbyterian U.S.A. are supporting this work with some help also given by the Board of United Brethren.

Headquarters have been established in Santo Domingo City, where a large building has been purchased for $50,000, which provides a center for church and social work and residence for some of the workers. A hospital is maintained in a rented building near by. The American workers are Rev. N. H. Huffman and Dr. H. R. Taylor. Two American nurses are now on their way to Santo Domingo, Miss Violet Parker and Miss Katharine Fribley.

Two Porto Rican pastors are serving in the Evangelistic work.

The following recent notes from the field indicate some of the interesting developments .

Regular Sunday School, preaching services and prayer meetings have been opened in Santo Domingo City, San Pedro and La Romana. At San Pedro de Macoris the average attendance in the Sunday School and preaching services has been sixty, at La Romana and the Capital, fifty. Ten persons were baptized at San Pedro de Macoris and two at La Romana. One of the later was a Hatian who heard the Gospel in his own country, but had never been able to unite with a protestant church on account of the opposition of his family. There have been twenty four professions of faith in the Capital and a class has been organized to instruct them with a view of preparing them for church membership.

The work of the Porto Rican pastors employed in this field is producing results. At each station the interest in the public services is maintained and there is at each place a promising class of candidates for church membership. At La Romana the class numbers nineteen, at Macoris, forty and at the Capital city, fifty. A serious epidemic of small pox has affected the services in Macoris, but shows signs of abatement. The hall at the Capital is too small for the attendance. Mr. Hatch is figuring on the cost of a temporary pavilion to house the congregation until a church can be erected. One young lady of her own accord began to gather up the children of her neighborhood and bring them to Sunday School. She comes in every Sunday with from twenty to thirty-five following her.

According to instructions, Dr. Hildreth, of San Juan, Puerto Rico,

accompanied by Rev. Wm. Orr, went over to inspect the hospital equipment offered by Dr. Deemer. With funds collected by the churches in Puerto Rico they purchased this equipment and a lease on a building across the street from our property in the Capital. The purchase price was two thousand five hundred dollars. Dr. Taylor has begun his work in this place and reports for the first two weeks eighty five patients and $52.00 in fees. Dr. Taylor is happy in the great opportunities for service which are presented to him in this country. His reports show he has treated clinic patients in August eighty five, September three hundred and in October nine hundred and three, the receipts for the same months being $52, $92 and $564.80 respectively. There seems to be no limit to the amount of work to be done. Another doctor could be used to advantage at once. Religious services are held each day in the clinic, all other work for the time being suspended. The interest is certainly encouraging. Every Thursday afternoon a clinic is held in San Cristobal, 22 miles distance from the Capital. The census gives a population of 35,000 to this comun. There is no regular physician in the place. Sixty patients were treated at one of these clinics.

Dr. Taylor's report for the month of October 1921 is as follows: Hospital patients 0, clinic patients - Medical - new 661, revisits 139; Surgical - major operations 0, minor operations- general anesthesia 1, local anesthesia 1; Dressings 101, Total clinic patients 905, Receipts $564.80

The workers homes have been invaded by young men. They are losing their fear of being Americanized. At the present time there are seventy five boys and young men, of the best families in the city, present in the social rooms, reading, playing the victrola and entertaining themselves with the simple games provided. They are not prepared to handle such numbers. However they are happy to see them come and see great possibilities in the young men of the city. A class in English is conducted for the benefit of those who are interested in studying this language. The enrollment is eighteen.

The workers will be glad to receive the "Inter-America," and also think much about the organ of the Pan American Union. They need some good magazines in Spanish as those they now receive are largely political and of a very inferior grade.

A bookstore named LIBRERIA DOMINICANA has been opened in a room in our building in the Capital. A number of books have been received from the book department of LA NUEVA DEMOCRACIA and the outlook is good. A young man from Macoris was in charge up to August 10th. He has returned home to go to school and another young man, Juan Gonzalez, of the capital, is in charge. The sales have not been large, amounting in August to $17.16. This does not include the sales made by the different pastors on their charge.

The pastors at La Romana and Macoris have asked that a kindergarten teacher be sent to help them. Their idea is that a young lady could teach the children a half day and put in the other half visiting and they suggest that perhaps young ladies trained in the mission in Mayaquez might be secured for this work.

We are in great need of the automobile for our doctor. A Ford equipped with self-starter and demountable rims will cost us $750. One of the workers thinks that a new car should be bought at once out of the first funds available, as it is a real necessity.

Telegraph-
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Avon, S. Dakota

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Since the publication of the last bulletin, work in all departments has gone forward with encouraging results. Unforeseem obstacles have arisen but they have been overcome and progress continues.

MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work was temporarily closed down early in November by a ruling of the Sanitary Department in Santo Domingo. Dr. Taylor was required to take an examination before a board of Dominican physicians. Dr. Taylor passed the examination however and is now in better standing than he could have been before and has full title to practice in any part of the Republic.

Through our dilemma we added a new friend to the forces at work. Dr. F. A. Defillo, a Dominican physician, offered his services during the the period in which Dr. Taylor was waiting to take his examination. The hospital was very glad to accept Dr. Defillo's kind offer and his cooperation in this moment of need has been greatly appreciated.

Two American nurses have now arrived on the field to assist Dr. Taylor with his work and to make it possible for the doctor to perform operations and accomodate patients at the hospital. They have taken hold of their work with a fine spirit and we are looking forward to large results. Beds and other equipment have been bought and a maternity ward built in the hospital. The following is Dr. Taylor's report for the month of December, the last received from the field:

Hospital patients-Obstetrical 2, medical 2; Clinic patients - Medical, New 344, Revisits 159; Surgical, Minor operations, General Anesthesia 1, Local Anesthesia 8, Teeth extracted 158, Dressings 42; Special Consultations 13. Receipts for the month amounted to $336.10.

The Dominican law also requires a licensed druggist to dispense drugs. Mr. Rafael Polanco, a Dominican, has been employed for this service and two rooms in the mission building were fitted up for handling the drugs.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

On January first nine persons were baptised at San Pedro de Macoris, and the church was organized with twenty four members. The work in Macoris is quite encouraging. The pastor, Rev. Alberto Martinez, has the work well in hand. A division existed among the protestants in Macoris before the Board took over the work. That division has been healed and there is now unity and a fine spirit prevailing.

January eighth in the Capital eighteen persons were baptised and a church organized with twenty nine members. The attendance in the Sunday school is now above a hundred every Sunday. The pastor, Rafael R. Rodriguez, is very happy over the results of this first year's work. Recently he asked the Sunday School for $47 to purchase a folding organ and in a few minutes the entire amount was pledged, $18.75 in cash being received. January 15th the first offering was taken in the preaching service, the amount received being $9.04. These facts are given to show the disposition of the people to help support the work.

The pastor at La Romana reports good attendance and interest at that place. His work is quite satisfactory.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Ramon Prat G. is a promising Dominican worker. He is now employed as colporteur and is receiving training for mission work.

Jose Gallo, a young Spaniard has just been baptized and received into the church. He is a graduate of a Jesuit college in Spain and gives promise of becoming a useful worker. While in training and under observation, he has been placed in charge of two night classes. Mr. Huffman is also conducting night classes in English in which subject he has found much interest among the Dominicans.

All the workers are looking forward with pleasure to the prospective visit of the representatives of the Board. It is hoped that their coming will help to formulate plans that will enable the workers to continue to go forward with confidence in the results.

The much needed Ford car has been purchased and is helping to conserve the valuable time of the busy workers.

Plans are being made to put on an active campaign to promote the circulation of literature through the Libreria Dominicana. It is felt that there is offered a great opportunity to do much fruitful work.

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A VISIT TO OUR WORK IN SANTO DOMINGO by S. G. Ziegler.

In company with Mrs. Lillian Leonard Slack, representing the Woman's Home Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. H. A. Bierwith, a friend of Mrs. Slack, and Rev. Charles W. Brewbaker, PH.D., General secretary of our Sunday School Board, I visited Santo Domingo February 7 to 13. We reached the Island on the afternoon of the seventh and in the evening held a conference for the purpose of outlining an itinerary for our brief visit.

The following day the itinerary began, In company with Rev. N. H. Huffman the party left in automobile for San Pedro de Macoris. This trip afforded ample opportunity for observing the country. The roads were so bad that it was necessary to go slowly over them. For miles great cane fields lined both sides of the road. The season was very dry and the growers were suffering serious losses because of very damaging cane fires. Whether the fires were purely of an incidental or purposeful origin was uncertain. Whatever may have been the cause it was a serious loss to the industry and did much damage to the many simple little homes in the vicinity. We reached San Pedro de Macoris late in the afternoon, where we met Rev. and Mrs. T. Van Vlek who have charge of the Moravian mission work on the Island. They are conducting a small but well organized work at Macoris for English speaking negroes. Later in the evening it was our privilege to meet Rev. Alberto Martinez, pastor of the work recently opened by the Comittee on Cooperation. (He was sent over by the Presbyterian Church of Porto Rico.) There were a hundred and twenty present at the evening prayer service. Others were standing at the doors. The building which they are occupying was built for a store and warehouse. A rental of $100 per month is paid for the building due to the high costs on the Island.

Our limited stay in the Island did not permit us to go on to La Romana where Rev. Jose Espada Marrero of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Porto Rico is pastor. Mr. Huffman reported similar success in the work there.

Thursday we returned to Santo Domingo to give closer study to the work there, and also that we might go out over the new government road to the northwest. This great highway when completed will cross the Island from north to south and make Santo Domingo City a few days nearer New York. About thirty-five miles of the road on the southern side has been completed. A similar road was started from the northern side. Fifteen miles more need to be completed before they are united and form one great highway across the Island. The building of this road will no doubt mean much in the future development of the Island.

Friday evening we attended the Christian Endeavor meeting at Santo Domingo City. One hundred and five were present. The meeting was led by one of the native Christians and participated in by a number of others. Before the close it was my privilege to bring a few words of greeting from the church and societies in America.

The hospital and dispensary are proving a great blessing to the city and community. Dr. Taylor and his assistants are devoting themselves unselfishly to the work. It is necessary to see the "maimed, halt and blind" to fully appreciate what a blessing this medical work is to the

people. The hospital and dispensary are well located for the present in a rented building across the street from the building used for religious purposes. It was formerly used as a private hospital. The hospital proper in the rear of the court provides accommodations for twelve beds. This is divided into two wards, one for men and one for women. The building facing on the street contains the following rooms, a large waiting room, consultation room, operating room, room used as a semi-private ward, kitchen and dining room. At present it is meeting the needs and requirements, but it is very evident that if the present growth in our work continues it will soon be inadequate.

The building purchased by the Board for headquarters serves well its purpose. It is very large and is put to various uses. The main hall, used for worship will accommodate 150 persons. Besides this room, the ground floor contains the following rooms, bookstore, small class room, two rooms used by the druggist (all perscriptions from the hospital are filled by him), social hall, laundry, shower baths. On the second floor accommodations are provided for Mr. N. H. Huffman, Miss Violet Parker, Miss Katherine Fribley, Miss Lois Rodriguez and Rev. Rafael Rodriguez and family. It is large and is taking care of our work and workers in a very satisfactory manner for the present.

This exception might be made - the hall for religious purposes is too small. They considered removing the wall between this hall and the social hall but builders advise not to do this in such an old building because it is one of the main walls of the building. , There is sufficient ground unoccupied in the rear to allow the erection of a building more than three times as large.

Rev. Rafael Rodriguez of the United Brethren Church is pastor at the capital city. The services on Sunday February 12th were well attended. One hundred and thirty-four were present in Sunday School. The school was as well graded as the average school in America. The teaching staff was surprisingly encouraging. It is really remarkable what has been done in these few months. In the evening the hall was filled to over-flowing. Mrs. Slack, Dr. Brewbaker and I spoke. Dr. Brewbaker closed the service with an appeal when six men came forward and expressed their desire to follow the Christ. One was a merchant in the city. They tarried for consultation after the services. In the audience that evening were two Dominican lawyers who also tarried after the service for a conference. They were very much impressed and showed a keen interest in the work.

In the afternoon an open air service was held in the market place at San Isidro, amid the confusion of the market and the noise of a near-by cock-fight. This village is some eight or ten miles out from Santo Domingo City and is connected with a large sugar "central". Between thirty and forty gathered to hear the singing and gospel message, Two other such centers are being opened with the hope of establishing congregations there.

On Sunday at the close of the Sunday School, Mr. Huffman called a mission council meeting. At this meeting the work was carefully gone over and the following conclusions reached.

That the present staff be continued.

That plans for enlarging both the hospital staff and equipment be kept constantly in mind because of the enlarged opportunities for service along this line. Dr. Taylor urges us to look forward to a hundred bed - hospital.

That in view of the prevailing illiteracy and the inadequate school system we arrange as soon as funds will permit to open a day school.

That in view of the splendid work being done by the Porto Rican pastors no additional American pastors are needed, Mr. Huffman being able

to handle the work himself.

The above conclusions were not formally adopted by the council but verbally agreed upon and are as I noted them in my diary.

I might add a word more in reference to the staff of workers. I was very agreeably impressed with them all, both American and Porto Rican. Dr. Taylor, capable and efficient, is giving himself unselfishly to the many opportunities and needs in a way that is unduly taxing his physical strength. In it all he is ably assisted by Misses Parker and Fribley. They are not only assisting in the medical work but are also giving themselves to the religious work and are thereby exerting a wholesome moral influence. Miss Fribley is a member of the Episcopal Church and Miss Parker of the Baptist. Mr. Huffman is directing the present work in a way that is satisfactory to all on the staff. His thorough knowledge of Spanish and his long association with the Latin American problems make him a safe leader. The native Porto Ricans who are serving in Santo Domingo, I consider above the average of leaders I saw in Porto Rico. It looked as though the Porto Rican church had given of her very choicest young men and women for this great cause.

I could not help but think, as I viewed the successes and achievements after these months of united effort, that they were evidences of God's approval upon this united work. The interest and attendance seemed almost phenomenal when I remembered that we were actually at work on the Island less than a year.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

We quote from Mr. Huffman, acting superintendent of the work: "The work has developed so fast that we are all swamped with work continually. Our native helpers, save those from Porto Rico, are all untrained and this makes it necessary for us to do many things now that later on we may delegate to others. Admiral Robinson has issued a proclamation withdrawing all plans for disoccupation of the country by the Americans, announcing that inasmuch as the people have not accepted the proposed plans, the American Government will continue public works, road construction, public instruction and the creation of a native constabulary, for which at least two years will be required, after which time, the troops will be withdrawn, provided certain conditions considered necessary by the Government of the United States are met."

MEDICAL WORK.

Extract from a letter from Miss Violet Parker to Mr. S. G. Inman: There has been a great deal of detail work getting the hospital into shape to care for patients as we found it with practically no supplies such as bed linen, sterile supplies, etc. Now that we are caring for patients there is much of detail and routine so with our hospital work, language study, and other bits of the work which we can do our days are very full. I might add not only of work but interest as well. An average day runs about like this: Spanish class from 6:15 to 7, on duty at 7, one goes to the wards for before breakfast medicines, temperatures, etc., the other goes to the kitchen to supervise the serving of breakfasts, 7:30 breakfast, 8:00 ward devotions, medicines and treatments and morning care of patients,with the help of two Dominican girls whom we have taken in for training. The supervision of the laundry work and kitchen takes quite a portion of time, partly on account of our lack of ability to speak Spanish and party because these people have rather queer ways of doing things. After this part of the work gets under way there is perhaps some marketing which must be personally attended to. In this country one can-

not telephone an order to the grocer and have it delivered. You go to the store, order what you want and take it home with you. If you wish fresh vegetables, eggs or fruit you find them not in the grocery store but in the plaza or market. To me this public market is a very interesting thing but sometimes rather exasperating a place to shop.

Then there are probably several cases in the clinic which the Dr. wishes us to see or with which he needs a little help other than one of the pupil nurses can give. After a morning full of some big things and many little things we probably find we have an operation or two for the afternoon with the attendant preparation, cleaning up, resterilizing, etc. After the round of evening duties, trays, medicines, treatments, etc., we find ourselves at seven o'clock ready to report off to the night nurse. If this be a Wednesday or Friday evening we still have a prayer service, or Christian Endeavor society to attend. We are also expecting to begin soon to organize a group of girls for a class in English with a social hour following, for one evening a week.

Extract from a letter from Miss K. Fribley to Mr. S. G. Inman:
The Dominican people need help and need it badly, and I am sure if our people at home could spend a few hours in this city and visit our hospital and attend our clinic and see how eager these people are to receive help; also the appreciation of those who have been helped they would feel that their money had been well spent.

We are anxious to do more but on account of the limited supply of necessary articles to work with, we find we have to turn many away. Some of our patients walk many miles to consult Dr. Taylor. Last week we had two come in one afternoon who had left their home the day before and walked all the way.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL EVANGELICO for the month of February, 1922.

Hospital Patients-

	In hospital Feb. 1st.	Admitted during Feb.	Discharged during Feb.	In hospital March 1st.
Mens'Ward				
Medical	2	3	5	0
Surgical	1	2	3	0
Womans'Ward				
Medical	2	3	4	1
Surgical	1	5	3	3
Obstetrical	0	1	0	1
Children				
Medical	1	3	1	3
Surgical	1	2	2	1
Private Room				
Medical	1	3	2	2
Surgical	0	0	0	0
Total	9	22	20	11

Average number of patients in hospital 9.2
Hospital days 260
Results - discharged cured 12, improved 7, died 1,
Receipts - operations $38.00, beds $215.00, total $253.00.
Clinic Patients - Medical, new 372, revisits 212, total 584.
Surgical, minor operations - local anesthesia 3, teeth extracted 217, dressings 43, special consultations 3, total 266.
Total number of patients 833.
Total receipts $563.00

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PROGRESS OF EVANGELISTIC WORK IN 1922

The annual statistical report of the evangelistic work in Santo Domingo records such exceptional progress that it seems worth while to reproduce it in this number of the Bulletin:

Statistical Report for 1922

Churches	Santo Domingo	San Pedro	La Romana
Members 1st of year	0	48	5
Received during year	75	38	49
Lost during year	0	4	2
Members end of year	75	82	52
Sunday Schools			
Enrolled 1st of year	125	95	75
Gain during year	100	40	25
Enrolled end of year	225	135	100
Average attendance	160	90	65
Number of classes	9	7	6
Young People's Societies			
Enrolled 1st of year	0	35	0
Gain during year	70	21	45
Enrolled end of year	70	56	45
Offerings			
Church	$584.40	$276.16	$398.75
Sunday School	176.03	68.00	78.61
Other offerings	68.02		66.14

(Total offerings, all churches, $1523.02)

In a letter accompanying this report Rev. N. H. Huffman, Superintendent of the work, says:

"You will note that there are now 209 members in the three churches, an enrollment of 460 in the Sunday Schools, 171 members in the Christian Endeavor Societies, and that the total offerings for the year were $1523.02

"The pastors report splendid interest everywhere. Santo Domingo offers exceptional opportunities for evangelistic work. We could repeat over and over again what has been done if we had the resources to occupy the field."

Regarding the new work just opened at San Cristobal, a small center near the capital, where no church has yet been organized, Mr. Huffman says:

"San Cristobal is an example of the opportunities awaiting us. Mr. Prat reports 92 in the Sunday School last Sunday and the hall is crowded at every preaching service."

Other interesting items are reported by Mr. Huffman as follows:

"The carretera (road) to Macoris will be open to the public within two months and will be a great advantage to our work. The travel has been not only very expensive but so unpleasant that it has been extremely difficult to get together for conference and consultation."

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1922

The following remarkable report of the Hospital work for 1922 has been received from Dr. Horace R. Taylor, the physician in charge. It should be remembered that all this work is conducted with a medical staff of one physician, three American nurses, four native student nurses and a native pharmacist, with the assistance of a Dominican dentist.

HOSPITAL REPORT
for the year 1922.

Hospital Patients Treated

Cured	138	
Improved	69	
Unimproved	4	
Died	11	222
Hospital days	2398	
Average per day	6.5	

Surgery

Major operations	25	
Minor operations	23	
Confinements	19	67

CLINIC REPORT

Medical Patients		
New	4802	
Revisits	3038	
Special consult.	98	7938
Surgical Patients		
Minor operations	85	
Dressings	860	945
Dental Patients		
Extractions	2311	
Treatments	577	
Fillings	87	2975
Total number treated	12,080	

While this report is for the year 1922, it should be borne in mind that the hospital was closed from July 1st to November 1st on account of necessary renovation and repairs to the building. Another building, adjoining the old hospital, has been rented. This was made possible by the income from the hospital itself, without drawing on the budget of the Board. It has thus been possible to enlarge the facilities of the hospital and to install in this building some of the hospital activities, such as the laundry, which had been occupying space in the main mission building in Santo Domingo City. The clinic and consulting rooms, dispensary and baby clinic are also in the newly rented building. These arrangements bring the day school from Villa Francisca to the mission building and the room formerly used for the laundry has been fixed up for the intermediate department of the Sunday School. Miss Steele and one nurse in training work in the clinics and Miss Parker has charge of the hospital. Miss Fribley is in charge of the baby clinic and helps in the hospital in case of emergency. Miss Steele is purchasing agent and keeps the books for the hospital.

NEW FEATURES OF THE WORK AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During the year the Superintendent, Mr. N. H. Huffman, paid a visit to this country. He spent a few months here, meeting with the Board and reporting concerning the results already accomplished. He returned to Santo Domingo in October with Mrs. Huffman, who has become a valuable addition to the missionary family at the capital city.

A special sub-committee of the Board has under consideration the purchase of a site for the first unit of a hospital building in Santo Domingo. There are three pieces of property available which would be more or less suitable for the purpose. Although the Board has not the funds with which to buy such a property outright, it is hoped that the matter can be arranged when the most favored plot can be settled upon.

Miss Parker conducts classes for student nurses and has recently put two of these young women at some practical nursing work. This, in addition to the fact that the mission has now six young men preparing themselves for service in Santo Domingo, five at the Union Evangelical Seminary in Rio Piedras, Porto Rico, and one at the Polytechnic Institute on that island, - is most encouraging.

The bookstore is now on a better basis. There are two men giving time to this enterprise, one caring for the bookstore itself and the other pushing the circulation of Christian literature. It is felt by the Board that everything possible must be done to promote this section of the work. The needs along this line cannot be overestimated and, with the assistance available in the Book Department of LA NUEVA DEMOCRACIA and the magazine itself, good results are hoped for.

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PROGRESS OF EVANGELISTIC WORK IN 1922

The annual statistical report of the evangelistic work in Santo Domingo records such exceptional progress that it seems worth while to reproduce it in this number of the Bulletin:

Statistical Report for 1922

Churches	Santo Domingo	San Pedro	La Romana
Members 1st of year	0	48	5
Received during year	75	38	49
Lost during year	0	4	2
Members end of year	75	82	52
Sunday Schools			
Enrolled 1st of year	125	95	75
Gain during year	100	40	25
Enrolled end of year	225	135	100
Average attendance	160	90	65
Number of classes	9	7	6
Young People's Societies			
Enrolled 1st of year	0	35	0
Gain during year	70	21	45
Enrolled end of year	70	56	45
Offerings			
Church	$384.40	$276.16	$398.75
Sunday School	176.03	68.00	78.61
Other offerings	68.02		66.14

(Total offerings, all churches, $1523.02)

In a letter accompanying this report Rev. N. H. Huffman, Superintendent of the work, says:

"You will note that there are now 209 members in the three churches, an enrollment of 460 in the Sunday Schools, 171 members in the Christian Endeavor Societies, and that the total offerings for the year were $1523.02

"The pastors report splendid interest everywhere. Santo Domingo offers exceptional opportunities for evangelistic work. We could repeat over and over again what has been done if we had the resources to occupy the field."

Regarding the new work just opened at San Cristobal, a small center near the capital, where no church has yet been organized, Mr. Huffman says:

"San Cristobal is an example of the opportunities awaiting us. Mr. Prat reports 92 in the Sunday School last Sunday and the hall is crowded at every preaching service."

Other interesting items are reported by Mr. Huffman as follows:

"The carretera (road) to Macoris will be open to the public within two months and will be a great advantage to our work. The travel has been not only very expensive but so unpleasant that it has been extremely difficult to get together for conference and consultation."

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1922

The following remarkable report of the Hospital work for 1922 has been received from Dr. Horace R. Taylor, the physician in charge. It should be remembered that all this work is conducted with a medical staff of one physician, three American nurses, four native student nurses and a native pharmacist, with the assistance of a Dominican dentist.

HOSPITAL REPORT
for the year 1922.

Hospital Patients Treated		
Cured	138	
Improved	69	
Unimproved	4	
Died	11	222
Hospital days	2398	
Average per day	6.5	
Surgery		
Major operations	25	
Minor operations	23	
Confinements	19	67

CLINIC REPORT

Medical Patients		
New	4802	
Revisits	3038	
Special consult.	98	7938
Surgical Patients		
Minor operations	85	
Dressings	860	945
Dental Patients		
Extractions	2311	
Treatments	577	
Fillings	87	2975
Total number treated	12,080	

While this report is for the year 1922, it should be borne in mind that the hospital was closed from July 1st to November 1st on account of necessary renovation and repairs to the building. Another building, adjoining the old hospital, has been rented. This was made possible by the income from the hospital itself, without drawing on the budget of the Board. It has thus been possible to enlarge the facilities of the hospital and to install in this building some of the hospital activities, such as the laundry, which had been occupying space in the main mission building in Santo Domingo City. The clinic and consulting rooms, dispensary and baby clinic are also in the newly rented building. These arrangements bring the day school from Villa Francisca to the mission building and the room formerly used for the laundry has been fixed up for the intermediate department of the Sunday School. Miss Steele and one nurse in training work in the clinics and Miss Parker has charge of the hospital. Miss Fribley is in charge of the baby clinic and helps in the hospital in case of emergency. Miss Steele is purchasing agent and keeps the books for the hospital.

NEW FEATURES OF THE WORK AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During the year the Superintendent, Mr. N. H. Huffman, paid a visit to this country. He spent a few months here, meeting with the Board and reporting concerning the results already accomplished. He returned to Santo Domingo in October with Mrs. Huffman, who has become a valuable addition to the missionary family at the capital city.

A special sub-committee of the Board has under consideration the purchase of a site for the first unit of a hospital building in Santo Domingo. There are three pieces of property available which would be more or less suitable for the purpose. Although the Board has not the funds with which to buy such a property outright, it is hoped that the matter can be arranged when the most favored plot can be settled upon.

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THE NEW AUDITORIUM in Santo Domingo City.

Early in June work was begun on the construction of the new auditorium being erected on a part of the property already owned by the mission, adjoining the mission building. The walls had been built up to the top of the windows about the 15th, of August and the laying of the corner stone was arranged for August 19th. The new building will be particularly well ventilated and will accommodate about 400. It will be used for services and lectures and is being arranged in such a way that it may be divided into sections for the use of small groups also. Finished woodwork and seats are being shipped from the United States. It is hoped that the building will be ready to dedicate late in October and the Treasurer, Dr. W. L. McDowell, is expected to go to Santo Domingo to be present at that time. The local pastor, Rev Rodriguez is at present on furlough in Porto Rico but will return in time for the dedication of the building.

EVANGELISTIC WORK:

Rev. José Espada Marrero returned after a short furlough in Puerto Rico with renewed enthusiasm for the work. Supt. Huffman and Rev. Rodriguez of the Capital spent a few days in La Romana, at the time of the second anniversary of the opening of the work in that place.

The new church at San Cristobal was organized formally on Palm Sunday, March 25th, with seventeen charter members. The first services in this place were held in the month of September of 1922. The pastor is Ramon Prat, a Dominican converted under the ministry of Rafael R. Rodriguez in charge of the work in the Capital. The baptism of these charter members and the organization of the church were witnessed by a large number of the citizens of the city. June 3rd. was another day of victory in San Cristobal when twenty new members were received into the church by baptism. So at the end of seven months' work the membership had increased to thirty-seven.

The second annual convention of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies was held in San Cristobal June 13 and 14. The reports showed an enrollment in the Sunday Schools of 538, and 196 members of the Christian Endeavor Societies. Rev. R. Rodriguez was elected President. The sessions were all characterized by enthusiasm and fellowship.

The mission enjoyed the rare privilege of entertaining for ten days two protestant Spaniards, Rev. Agustin Arenales, of Madrid, Spain and Dr. J. Marcial Dorado, agent of the American Bible Society for the West Indies. Both of these visitors are interesting speakers and visited all of our missions, except La Romana, and also four points on the north side of the Republic. Their visit was most opportune. Three of our churches gave offerings for evangelical work in Spain, amounting in all to $62.27.

The combined membership of our four churches on April 1st, was two hundred and sixty three, a gain of fifty four from January 1. Our aim was to win 100 new members this year, and one half that number had been gained in the first three months.

Mrs. Huffman, has been doing some visiting among the homes of the Dominicans and enjoys very much becoming acquainted with them. She says that her experience in Porto Rico, where she lived for some years, taught her to love these people and not to be shocked by some of their customs which might otherwise be quite disconcerting to an American. The people are kind and appreciative. She tells of the man who goes to market for the mission household being "very cheerful" about going since they reward him with a "cup of coffee with milk." Mrs. Huffman also writes of the enjoyment she gets entertaining a group of boys from 12 to 15 years of age who visit the mission home and all seem to have a very good time.

MEDICAL WORK:

Miss Parker of the nursing staff of HOSPITAL EVANGELICO spent her vacation in New York and the home office had a good opportunity to discuss the work with her.

The hospital corps had been rather crippled during the early part of the summer, due to an epidemic of Grippe with which two of the nurses were unfortunate enough to be laid up. The Doctor also was hampered by an infected finger. The hospital was closed for the month of June while the medical people took their vacations, although the clinic was kept going.

The good friends in the United States who make the layettes for the Dominican babies and contribute to the support of that special work will be pleased with the following from one of Miss Fribley's letters:

"I wish it were possible for you to see some of these little darlings that I have been caring for since the baby clinic was opened. I am sure you would appreciate them. When I first started to work with them their mothers would bring them to me without c clothing and some were so dirty that one could not tell just what their color was. But now, since giving them a little layette and showing them how to dress their babies, they are properly clothed when brought each week to be weighed. It took some time to convince the mothers that a bath was very essential to the welfare of the child as their belief has been that water was injurious in time of

sickness and should not be used. I am very anxious to make a success of the work which I have started and am sure that I will for I know that it is God's will that these little ones should be cared for and that He will help me do His will."

EDUCATIONAL WORK:

Two of our seminary students in Puerto Rico, José Gallo and Porfirio Lara, returned for a year's service in the Dominican Republic, to supply for the ministers who are to take their vacation soon and to help in the school work of the Mission. The other students spend the summer vacation in Christian work under the direction of missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Dr. James A McAllister, president of the seminary, writes: "You will be interested in learning that in a reading or declamation contest last night, Gallo came out first, doing remarkably well. Perez made a very good showing as also Puello." We have reason to feel proud of the students the Mission is educating, for both in conduct as well as in application to their studies, they have given good account of themselves.

A day school has been opened at San Cristobal and an additional woman teacher employed. The seminary students are helping in the school work. Night classes are also conducted there. This is an experiment to test out the facilities and opportunities as compared with those of the capital. San Cristobal is about 20 miles out from the capital on a good road in the center of the best agricultural section of the South side of the island. Its elevation makes the climate cooler than that of the capital. Vegetation is abundant and living cheaper, all of which make conditions favorable for the establishment of a boarding school. The land is tillable and productive and would be good for demonstrating in agricultural instruction. This work was begun early in June.